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1. The soldier in the Soviet Army was to carry the following items (which weighed 32 kg. in all) into combat: 25X1
 - a. Overcoat, rolled and worn diagonally across the front and over one shoulder.
 - b. Personal side arm, carbine, PPSH, or DP LMG.
 - c. Shovel, entrenching.
 - d. Gas mask, Shlem type [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] with canister. 25X1
 - e. Gas cape worn on belt outside the gas mask pouch.
 - f. Helmet.
 - g. Magazine pouch with reserve ammunition.
 - h. Two grenades: if on offensive, the RG type; if on defense, the F-1 type. If in defense against tank attack, AT grenades or Molotov cocktails.
 - i. Pack with one set of light underwear, towel, soap, drinking mug, mess gear, spoon, canteen, toothbrush, razor, and other personal items.
 - j. Uniform (which he wore).

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2. Machine gunners and submachine gunners carried into combat two drums loaded with ammunition. The drum for the submachine gun held 70 to 72 rounds. [redacted]
3. [redacted] positioning of artillery in combat [redacted] were to be emplaced directly behind rifle platoons on the front lines.
4. [redacted] the following items were issued to troops in arctic stations: fur lined boots, part wool sweater, and a knee-length sheep-skin coat. If a soldier were on guard, he wore an ankle-length coat.

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